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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TH

SUBJ: US FORCE LEVELS IN THAILAND

REFS: A. STATE 240811

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1. US DESIRE TO MAINTAIN PRESENT LEVEL OF AMERICAN COMBAT AIR POWER IN THAILAND THROUGH CURRENT DRY SEASON CONVEYED TO RTG THROUGH GEN KRIANGSAK DECEMBER 21 BY COMUSMACTHAI GEN MELLEN AND POMIL COUNSELOR.

2. KRIANGSAK STATED THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON A CLOSE HOLD BASIS. HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE WITH A PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR USE WHEN NEEDED, BUT AFTER A RAMBLING DISCUSSION AGREED TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT UNTIL LATER. HE ALSO PROBED FOR DETAILS OF PENDING REDUCTIONS IN HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT UNITS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH REDUCTIONS MIGHT BE ANNOUNCED AS COMPLETED.

3. WHILE REITERATING THE CONCERN OF THAI MILITARY WITH THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE MILITARY SITUATION IN INDOCHINA AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEED FOR US FORCES IN THAILAND. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO NOT YET CONSIDERED THE GKR REQUEST FOR RTAF AIR STRIKES IN NORTHWESTERN
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CAMBODIA (REF B).

4. I WILL DISCUSS U.S. PRESENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER SANYA ALONG LINE REF A DURING MY INTIAL CALL DECEMBER 28.

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